

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claims 17-19 and 22-25 were allowed. Claims 16 and 41 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in dependent form. Claims 1-15, 20, 21 and 26-40 were rejected.

In this amendment, independent claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 16, and independent claim 37 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 41. All other rejected claims have been canceled. These amendments do not reflect, and are not to be interpreted as, agreement or acquiescence by Applicants to the rejections or to the Examiner's reasons for the rejections.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

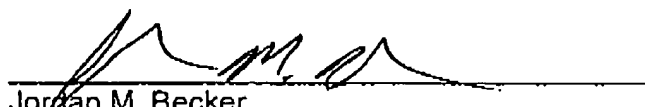
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